

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 22. (Cancelled).

23. (Currently Amended) A coupling comprising:

a first yoke including a plurality of first yoke arms;

a second yoke including a plurality of second yoke arms; and

a flexible body defining an axis, said body including a first plurality of bushings connected to said plurality of first yoke arms, a second plurality of bushings connected to said plurality of second yoke arms, and a plurality of tensile members connecting said first plurality of bushings with said second plurality of bushings, each of said first plurality of bushings being oriented generally radially relative to said axis of said body.

24. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 23 wherein a fastener extends between each of said plurality of first yoke arms and each of said first plurality of bushings to connect said first plurality of yoke arms to said body.

25. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 24 wherein each of said first plurality of bushings has an opening formed therein that is oriented generally radially relative to said axis of said body, and wherein each of said fasteners extends generally radially into engagement with each of said openings formed in said first plurality of bushings.

26. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 25 wherein each of said openings is a threaded opening, and wherein each of said fasteners is a threaded fastener that extends generally radially into threaded engagement with each of said openings.

27. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 23 wherein each of said second plurality of bushings is oriented generally radially relative to said axis of said body.

28. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 27 wherein a first fastener extends between each of said plurality of first yoke arms and each of said first plurality of bushings to connect said first plurality of yoke arms to said body, and wherein a second fastener extends between each of said plurality of second yoke arms and each of said second plurality of bushings to connect said second plurality of yoke arms to said body.

29. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 28 wherein each of said first plurality of bushings has an opening formed therein that is oriented generally radially relative to said axis of said body, and wherein each of said first fasteners extends generally radially into engagement with each of said openings formed in said first plurality of bushings, and wherein each of said second plurality of bushings has an opening formed therein that is oriented generally radially relative to said axis of said body, and wherein each of said second fasteners extends generally radially into engagement with each of said openings formed in said second plurality of bushings.

30. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 29 wherein each of said openings formed in said first plurality of bushings is a threaded opening, and wherein each of said first fasteners is a threaded fastener that extends generally radially into threaded engagement with each of said threaded openings formed in said first plurality of bushings, and wherein each of said openings formed in said second plurality of bushings is a threaded opening, and wherein each of said second fasteners is a threaded fastener that extends generally radially into threaded engagement with each of said threaded openings formed in said first plurality of bushings.

31. (Currently Amended) A coupling comprising:

a first yoke including a plurality of first yoke arms;
a second yoke including a plurality of second yoke arms; and
a flexible body defining an axis, said body including a first plurality of bushings connected to said plurality of first yoke arms, a second plurality of bushings connected to said plurality of second yoke arms, and a plurality of tensile members connecting said first plurality of bushings with said second plurality of bushings, each of said first plurality of bushings having a groove formed in an outer surface thereof that receives one of said plurality of tensile members.

32. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 31 wherein each of said grooves is generally semi-circular in shape.

33. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 31 wherein each of said first plurality of bushings has a pair of grooves formed in an outer surface thereof, each of said pairs of grooves receiving one of said plurality of tensile members.

34. (Withdrawn) The coupling defined in Claim 33 wherein each of said pair of grooves includes first and second grooves, said first grooves defining a first shape that is different than a second shape defined by said second grooves.

35. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 31 wherein each of said second plurality of bushings has a groove formed in an outer surface thereof that receives one of said plurality of tensile members.

36. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 35 wherein each of said grooves is generally semi-circular in shape.

37. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 35 wherein each of said first plurality of bushings has a pair of grooves formed in an outer surface thereof, each of said pairs of grooves formed in said first plurality of bushings receiving one of

said plurality of tensile members, and wherein each of said second plurality of bushings has a pair of grooves formed in an outer surface thereof, each of said pairs of grooves formed in said second plurality of bushings receiving one of said plurality of tensile members.

38. (Withdrawn) The coupling defined in Claim 37 wherein each of said pair of grooves includes first and second grooves, said first grooves defining a first shape that is different than a second shape defined by said second grooves.

39. (Currently Amended) A coupling comprising:
a first yoke including a plurality of first yoke arms;
a second yoke including a plurality of second yoke arms; and
a flexible body defining an axis, said body including a first plurality of bushings connected to said plurality of first yoke arms, a second plurality of bushings connected to said plurality of second yoke arms, and a plurality of tensile members connecting said first plurality of bushings with said second plurality of bushings, each of said first plurality of bushings being oriented generally radially relative to said axis of said body, each of said first plurality of bushings having a groove formed in an outer surface thereof that receives one of said plurality of tensile members.

40. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 40 wherein each of said second plurality of bushings is oriented generally radially relative to said axis of said body.

41. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 40 wherein each of said second plurality of bushings has a groove formed in an outer surface thereof that receives one of said plurality of tensile members.

42. (Previously Presented) The coupling defined in Claim 40 wherein each of said second plurality of bushings is oriented generally radially relative to said axis of

said body, and wherein each of said second plurality of bushings has a groove formed in an outer surface thereof that receives one of said plurality of tensile members.